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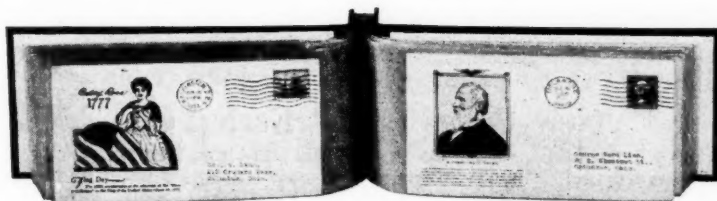
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Washington Centenary Plans

By JAMES WALDO FAWCETT

Arrangements for the celebration of the centenary of the postage stamp during the first week of May at Washington will include exhibitions at the National Museum, the Library of Congress, the Pan-American Union, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Post Office Department and elsewhere; several national radio broadcasts and one international network program embracing New York, Hollywood, Washington and London; a philatelic fair with bourse, auction and other features; an essay contest with nine prizes for winners, a philatelic writers' breakfast and a centennial banquet.

David D. Caldwell, chairman of the Postage Stamp Centenary Committee of the Washington Philatelic Society, has announced that "every effort will be made to make the celebration all inclusive. The co-operation of all philatelic organizations and that of affiliated bodies is invited. It is our hope to provide that the entire celebration may be memorable for citizens of all classes and conditions. The program has been designed to afford entertainment and instruction for the whole world. It is our wish to dramatize as best we may the importance of fellowship and harmony among nations and among individuals as represented by the universal postal system and by the philatelic hobby which has developed during the past 100 years from the invention and wide use of the adhesive postage stamp."

The centennial observance will begin on Thursday, May 2, with registration at the Hotel Mayflower, centenary headquarters, and preliminary meetings throughout the day. At 8 o'clock in the evening there will be a reception and the formal opening of the centenary exhibition of rare stamps and covers at the National Museum.

From Friday morning at 11 o'clock through Sunday evening, May 3 to 5, the philatelic fair will be open for business at the Hotel Mayflower. Details of plans for the bourse, auction and other features will be announced shortly.

On Friday evening, May 3, at 8 o'clock Alvin W. Hall, director, will receive visitors and friends at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, conducting them through the postage stamp division. Later, after the tour of inspection has been completed, there will be a centennial meeting in the bureau auditorium, where H. M. Southgate, president of

the Bureau Issues Association, has been invited to speak.

Postal officials are to welcome guests to the exhibition room of the Post Office Department on Saturday morning, May 4, at 10:30, and Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress, will open the centenary exhibition of philatelic literature, essays and proofs in the gallery of the Library on Saturday afternoon, May 4, at 3. Meanwhile at 1 o'clock on the same day at the Hotel Mayflower a special auction of domestic and foreign stamps and covers is scheduled.

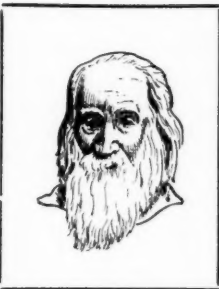
The centenary banquet will be held at the Mayflower on Saturday evening,

May 4, at 7. President Franklin D. Roosevelt has been asked to deliver the principal address. Other important Government officials have been invited to attend.

A centennial symposium will be a feature of the philatelic writers' breakfast at the Hotel Mayflower Sunday morning, May 5, at 10 o'clock. The Smithsonian Institution "World Is Yours" program will be broadcast at 4:30 in the afternoon and the international program beginning in New York, then moving to Hollywood and to Washington, closing from London, between 8 and 9 in the evening. King George VI, it is hoped,

Famous American Poets

WALT WHITMAN



Least understood of the five poets depicted in the Famous Americans Series, is Walt Whitman, for his poems lack the simplicity and straightforwardness of the other poets. His christened name was "Walter" which he shortened to "Walt" in 1855. He was born at West Hills, Huntington, Long Island, May 31, 1819, and educated in Brooklyn and New York City schools. By trade he was carpenter and printer, and while still in his teens taught school. At the age of 20 he was editor and publisher of a weekly, which failed. He worked on many publications and his chief activity was to mingle among the common people of the metropolis, until he knew their manner of living, thoughts and hopes thoroughly; in his own words making the acquaintance of the "powerful uneducated." Neither at his trades or as a writer did he achieve any financial success. His first published volume, "Leaves of Grass" in 1855, was the result of his wanderings, including a long trip to New Orleans. It attracted only ridicule or contempt from the few who bothered to mention it in reviews and first was given serious attention after Emerson praised it; praise which Emerson later recanted on second thought. His works were objected to as "scandalous" in many cities and on two occasions at least, his publishers found it expedient to withdraw editions. This had the usual result of such suppression, for sales skyrocketed. His later writings are elaborations of this first volume. During the Civil War he served as a volunteer to aid the sick and wounded, raising funds for supplies for them, writing and caring for their letters, and spending what little money he had to give them small comforts. From an illness contracted during these hospital visits he never fully recovered. A clerkship in the Interior Department ended after a short period in 1865, when the Secretary of that department refused to continue on the payroll an employee who wrote such objectionable things. He soon had another post in the office of the attorney-general, but lost this as a result of a stroke of paralysis in 1873. From then until his death on March 27, 1892 he lived at Camden, N. J., for some years with his brother. There is irony in the popularity of his works, for they were intended to be read by the multitude, yet these folk could not understand them and so the poems are appreciated chiefly by the literary aristocracy.

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Subjects suggested for the essay contest include "The Significance of Cheap Postage," "Postage Stamp Art," "A Century of Postal Service History," "The Great Stamp Engravers," "Famous Philatelists: 1840-1940," "The Future of Philately," "Philatelic Organizations During a Hundred Years," "A Century of Postal Markings," etc. There will be a silver plate awarded to the author of the paper judged best and eight supplementary cash prizes. Manuscripts must reach Dr. Palmer, 1939 Biltmore Street N. W., Washington, D. C., not later than April 1.

Material for the exhibition at the National Museum will be solicited by invitation only.

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British Lift Ban on Centenary Issue

The British government has lifted the ban it had announced on the series of stamps promised for the Centenary of Adhesive Postage Stamps. Widespread objection, with pointed comments in the press of a country where stamp issues and their designs are taken much more seriously than on this side of the Atlantic, are believed to have forced officials to rescind their decision not to issue the stamps. One comment noted prior to this referred to the "deplorable defeatist attitude" in calling off the Centenary series because of the war. It is expected that the stamps, once more definitely scheduled, will be issued on May 6.

Unofficial Reports Promise a U. S. Centenary Postage Stamp

Reports from various sources, none official, indicate that the U. S. will very likely issue a stamp, of 5c denomination, for the centenary of introduction of adhesive postage stamps. Practically the only drawback to early official announcement of such an issue is the wish to have it of such a nature that neutrality sentiment will not be infringed. The problem of the design is also being seriously considered, as the reproduction of the Penny Black within the design and consequent showing of Queen Victoria's head is thought not suitable under present circumstances. A symbolical design is believed the most likely one to be chosen.

Philadelphia To Have Stamp Centenary Exhibition

Philadelphia Chapter 18 of the A. P. S. has decided to hold an exhibition the week of May 4th to commemorate the centenary of the adhesive postage stamp. Stress will be laid to entries of exhibits of Great Britain and its colonies, particularly those that issued stamps before 1870, though other countries identified as early users of stamps will also be featured. Entry fee of \$1.00 per frame, which includes insurance up to \$1,000. Additional insurance is obtainable. There will be no competition and consequently no awards, but all entrants will be given Certificates of Participation. Reservations should be sent to the Secretary of the Exhibition, Fred L. Noll, 87 Ardmore Ave., Lansdowne, Pa.; entries to Eugene Klein, 212 S. 13th St., Philadelphia; and inquiries for further information to Dr. H. E. Radasch, Chairman, 307 S. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Hollywood Exhibition

Under the name of HOLLYPEX an international philatelic exhibition will be held at the Masonic Temple, Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 27 to March 3. The show is endorsed by the Stamp Dealers Assn. of Southern California, the federated Southern California stamp clubs and is sponsored by the International Stamp Exchange. Four governments will have exhibits and the prospectus states the P. O. will have a branch station at the show with a special cancellation.

Adolphe Menjou has given a sweep-stake cup and Bela Lugosi, of "chiller" fame, will be master of ceremonies at the banquet on Feb. 28. A motion picture star will open the show. Frames are \$1 each and entry may be made to the Secretary, 6685 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood. A cachet will be sold and the philatelic labels in sets of four color combinations perforate and imperforate are being sold for 15c in either form. Deadline for entries is Feb. 5.

Firemen Briefs

Latest local company to be added to the Visiting Firemen of Philately is the "O'Leary Bucket Brigade of Chicago." Charter was voted at the Akron meeting in December. Two "Conflagrations" be-



ing planned are those at the Stamp Centennial Celebration at Chicago, Jan. 27th, and at the Canton, Ohio exhibition of the McKinley Stamp Club, Feb. 10-11. The annual meeting will be a feature of the Beaver County Philatelic Society's annual party at Beaver Falls, Pa., April 20-21.

Annual Events Calendar

Buffalo, N. Y.—Second annual exhibition by White Eagle Stamp Club, Everybody's Daily Bldg., Feb. 10-11-12.

Camden, N. J.—Exhibition by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs at Walt Whitman Hotel, Feb. 17-18-19-20.

Canton, O.—Annual of the McKinley Stamp Club at Hotel Beiden, Feb. 10-11.

Chicago, Ill.—CHIEPEX, Exhibition and bourse, Central Federation of Stamp Clubs, Hotel LaSalle, Feb. 16-17-18.

Fleetwood, Pa.—Third Annual Exhibition by East Penn Collectors Club, Feb. 23-24-25 at the Fire Hall.

Hollywood, Calif.—HOLLYPEX exhibition, Feb. 27 to March 3, Masonic Temple.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Annual Winter Exhibition at Chamber of Commerce by local clubs and affiliates, Feb. 19-24.

Washington, D. C.—Second Annual exhibit of the Woodridge Stamp Club, Feb. 12 to 17 at Woodridge Library. Annual banquet Feb. 21 at Nesline's Restaurant.

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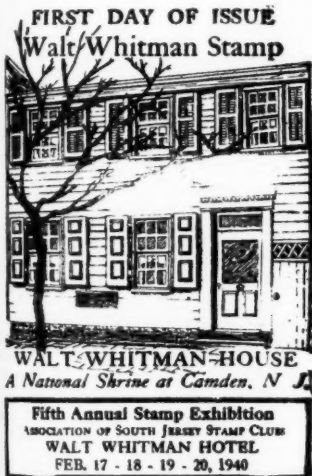
Lincoln Post Office To Be Re-established

The post office of New Salem, Ill., where Lincoln served as postmaster for three years, 1833 to 1836, will be re-established on Feb. 12 this year, at the New Salem State Park which has been created on the site of the vanished frontier settlement. During his tenure of office, Lincoln is reputed to have carried the post office in his hat, the letters being stowed in the depths (or heights?) of the tall hat the young man wore in those days. The new post office will be titled "New Salem State Park" and will appropriately open its doors for business on the birthdate of the former president. The postmaster will presumably cancel covers sent him stamped, addressed and ready to go.

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Walt Whitman Cachet

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DeMolay Stamp Club

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Editor's Notebook

PUBLICITY An officer of a national society not so long ago complained in print that his society did not receive publicity in the proportion warranted by its activities and membership size, and that the philatelic press was, in short, discriminating against his society. As a matter of fact the philatelic press has been generous in devoting space to club activities, local and national. That is as it should be. It is easy for the clubs to obtain publicity of their activities and the corollary of that statement is that those not obtaining publicity have only themselves to blame. Of the particular society in question, one could truthfully state that publicity releases to the philatelic press are as rare as pairs of Mrs. Hind's 1c British Guiana.

It is not practical for the philatelic press to send out reporters as a newspaper does, because philatelic news is scattered much more thinly over a much wider area and the expense of obtaining complete coverage would no doubt exceed the total spent on stamps by philately. By the very nature of things, the stamp papers serve principally as a medium

through which philatelic news is distributed. The news itself comes from a thousand and more sources, chief of which are the "volunteer reporters," many of them club officers whose duty to their club is to try to obtain publicity. If that officer fails to send the item, and no one else does, the item usually doesn't reach print; telepathy being what it is.

Considerable difference of opinion exists concerning of just what news consists. As an instance, there are local club election results, which are obviously of no interest whatsoever to subscribers not residents of that locality. Admittedly it is good business for the publisher to crowd out real news to find space for election returns as everyone likes to see their name in print—and consequently good will is created for the publisher at the expense of the majority of the subscribers who aren't officers of anything. Interesting things—philatelically interesting—happen in every town, every club; yet few of these must reach print due to local neglect of publicity opportunities. The visit of the Philatelic Truck, first flights of new air mail routes, and first day sales of new stamps are several leading philatelic events presenting golden publicity opportunities which nine times out of the proverbial ten are in a word: muffed.

There are other things which should be considered in respect to publicity, and many of these could be learned if publicity chairmen were to study the items printed in the stamp press, noting what kind and particularly the ones that are of little or no interest. Many a good publicity release is wasted effort because it is sent too late. Commonest error of all is to omit essential facts, such as time and place. Adjectives are often mistaken for facts and the blue pencil makes a clean sweep of them. To say that "attendance was large" or that a talk was "well received" is pointless, for everyone knows that if the opposite was true, no publicity chairman would admit it. Spelling is another weak point of many a release—the worst of all minor crimes is supposedly that of misspelling a person's name. Club names too should be accurate and it doesn't make things easy for the publisher to receive an item in which one sentence refers to the "Big City Stamp Club" and then farther on as the "Big City Philatelic Society."

Publicity is an important item in the success of a stamp club, and it shouldn't be treated as an unusually unwelcome in-law.

— R. R.

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get little sympathy from philatelic quarters if a military blitzkrieg removes the state from maps. In fact they are literally asking collectors to inaugurate something of the sort.

THE POSTAL EMPLOYEES SOCIETY of Peru has begun publication of a monthly magazine "El Correo." It contains some interesting articles on Peruvian postal affairs, past and present, of philatelic interest. Victor Chavez Zamudio, Chief of The Postal and Philatelic Museum of Peru, is author of several philatelic articles. The museum, by the way, apparently enjoys the franking privilege, for the sole postmark (?) on the wrapper of the magazine is a fancy purple oval marking with museum's name and date of mailing.

THE PHILIPPINE NEWEST STAMP magazine is the "Elizalde Stamp Journal." No. 1 of which arrived the latter part of January. The color cover pictures Philippine stamps, and the 40 pages are edited by our Philippine correspondent, Pablo M. Esperidion. This publication is the official organ of the Elizalde Stamp Club, an organization of stamp collecting employees of Elizalde & Co., Inc., one of the oldest and largest industrial concerns in the islands. The first number contains some fine articles, including one by Joaquin M. Elizalde, Resident Commissioner of the Philippines in the U. S., and philatelic agent at Washington.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE CHAMBERS of Commerce of the Southwest are going to be successful in obtaining a stamp commemorating the explorations of Coronado. Our friends south of the Rio Grande have often accused we Yankees of being money mad, but a stamp commemorating this visitor from that same direction who practically wore out himself and his comrades in a search for gold, should even matters.

THE "KEEPER OF THE ARCHIVES" of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx advances the thought that "the life of the philatelist is far beyond that of the usual mortality expectation," backing it up with figures concerning the small proportion of deaths (and then at advanced age) among the ranks of the old timers in relation to the expected rate of demise as the insurance companies have figured such things. We've heard centenarians attribute their reaching that age to drinking or not drinking, smoking or not smoking, etc. but none has been quoted on stamp collecting (or not collecting). We expect to hear from one any day now. "Collect stamps and live longer!"

THE CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE on Jan. 10 printed in its letters to the editor space a long letter from one Frank J. Schindler who deprecates (to put it mildly) the Famous Americans Series. Mr. Schindler also threatened to put sneezing powder inside his European mail for the explosive benefit of the British censors who have been going through U. S. mail.

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| 2c | Whittier | Haverhill, Mass. |
| 3c | Lowell | Cambridge, Mass. |
| 5c | Whitman | Camden, N. J. |
| 10c | Riley | Greenfield, Ind. |
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| 3c | Eliot | Cambridge, Mass. |
| 5c | Willard | Evanston, Ill. |
| 10c | Washington | Tuskegee Institute, Alabama |

Collectors are requested by the P. O. not to send covers to first day offices earlier than 30 days prior to first day dates. In view of this we are printing only portions of the entire Famous Americans list; not more than two months in advance.

Finnish Censor Mark

The first Finnish censor marking of the war is recorded in an item in the Newark Evening News, clipping of which is sent by A. L. Giannaula, dealer in the New Jersey city. The Finnish censor's seal is inscribed in two lines of capital letters: "SOTASENSUURI—KRIGSCENSUREN." The story dealt with some letters for the crew of the Finnish steamer "Zephyr" which was en route to the U. S. with Newark as port of call. The ship had been detained in Germany for over a month and these letters arrived in Germany after the ship had departed, were opened and the German censor labels also applied, the addresses changed to the care of the Newark agents.

• Copies of the poster stamp advertising the Michigan Stamp Club's annual exhibition in March are free if you send the Secretary, John B. Jackson, 764 Spencer Ave., Ferndale, Mich., a stamped self-addressed envelope. A commemorative used on your letter to him would probably be appreciated.

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The Forum

St. Louis, Mo.
January 15, 1940

To The Editor:

In reference to the new booklet, describing United States Stamps, 1847-1939, it is noted that you advise in your last issue that a "curious omission" has been noticed, the 20c and 50c trans-Pacific "Air Mails" being omitted, evidently in error.

May I inquire if it would not be possible to advise in your good publication just where these omitted stamps belong in this booklet, what page or paragraph or date and place of issue, and if possible a small general descriptive "write-up" of same, as is given all other stamps in this booklet. This in order that the new booklet, which is indeed a nice piece of work and badly needed, may be kept correct or up to date, and I am quite sure that such information would be appreciated by many readers.

Mr. Farley, in his "foreword," advises that this booklet contains illustrations of ALL adhesive postage stamps issued by the Government, yet we find two very bad omissions or errors "right off the bat." Maybe this could be helped-out in a way by Mr. Farley forwarding a loose-leaf page to those who have already made purchases, as has been done with the Junior Edition, historical and commemorative issues, 1895-1938.

What say you?

Respectfully,

Fred A. Rowley.

Editor's Note: The writup of the two stamps omitted in the government book will be found on this page, if space permits, or elsewhere in this number. The expense of sending purchasers of the book a sheet containing this data will probably deter Mr. Farley from complying with the suggestion made. The stamps should be listed just following the Army-Navy series, P. 109 of the government book.

The Data Omitted From The Government's Stamp Book

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAIL STAMPS—ISSUE OF 1937

This special issue of stamps of the denominations of 20c and 50c was announced by the Postmaster General on Feb. 1, 1937. They were issued in anticipation of the inauguration on March 24 of the extension of the trans-Pacific air mail route beyond Manila (the then terminus) to Macao and Hong Kong, China, and resultant changes in the rates of postage for the trans-Pacific service.

Both stamps are the same dimensions and design as the 25c trans-Pacific air mail stamp issued in 1935, except for the necessary changes in denomination and the omission of the date "November 1935" found above the plane on the 25c. The 20c was printed in green and the 50c in carmine, from flat plates of 200 subjects which were issued at post offices in sheets of 50 without straight edges.

The new stamps were placed on first day sale at the Philatelic Agency, Washington, D. C. on Feb. 15, 1937 so that collectors would have time to obtain the stamps to prepare first flight covers.

Due to delays, the first flight did not take place until April 21, 1937 when the plane left San Francisco. On that date the new and lower rates to Philippines and intermediate points went into effect, rendering the 25c stamp of the 1935 issue almost useless, unless used in combination with other stamps. The new rate was 20c to Hawaii, 40c to Guam, 50c to the Philippines, and 70c to Macao and Hong Kong.

The use of these stamps on any air mail, whether trans-Pacific or otherwise, is authorized. They are not valid for payment of ordinary postage, and at present are still a current issue.

The Stamps of British Columbia

By E. W. PERSON

British Columbia and Vancouver Island were originally separate colonies. In 1856, Sir James Douglas, Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, was appointed Governor of Vancouver Island. In 1857 gold was discovered on the mainland and the following year British Columbia was made a colony with Sir James, Governor of it as well. The fact that he remained in this dual position accounts for the fact that the first stamp was issued for both colonies. It was for two pence halfpenny, bearing the picture of the Queen's head in profile, and the name "British Columbia" above and "Vancouver Island" below. This stamp remained in use from 1861 to 1865. Some were perforated and others were not. From this date till their union in 1866, each colony had different stamps. Those of Vancouver's Island were a 5 cent rose and a 10 cent blue. The stamp in use in British Columbia was a 3d. blue.

After the union of the two colonies and the introduction of the decimal coinage, sheets of stamps printed from the same plate as the one last described were surcharged with value in cents. These stamps continued in use until July 20th, 1871, the date on which British Columbia became a Province of the Dominion of Canada.

In the early "sixties" mails from British Columbia came east by way of San Francisco. The custom was, for the sender to put on British stamps, then, in San Francisco, American stamps were added and the British Columbia Government charged with additional postage.

• "World Stamps and Covers," formerly published in Attica, Ind., has been taken over by Cover News, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Auction Calendar

Feb. 6—Mail Sale. Y. Souren Co., 394 Park Ave., New York City.

Feb. 14—U. S. and Possessions. Uptown Stamp Co., 140 W. 42nd St., New York City.

Feb. 29—U. S., British North America. Fred E. Farnham, 208 David Stott Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

• President Roosevelt has been sent by Brazil the first sheet of that country's recent semi-postal depicting the Three Wise Men of Biblical times. It was photographed by officials of the government.

• Two local printing establishments at Batavia, Netherlands Indies will print that colony's stamps in future. The names of the companies are "G. Kolff & Co." and "N. V. Koninklijke Drukerij de Unie."

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#858—A317 3c rose-violet (map of four states noted above)
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

AFGHANISTAN—Additional Value. To go with the set noted by us December 23, 1939. Same design as 1a previously noted. Typographed, unwatermarked:
A84—8a. deep blue

(R. Roberts)

Official Stamp. Upright rectangular format, typographed, unwmkd., perf. 11½:
02—45p. dark carmine (Coat of Arms)
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

BOLIVIA—Postal Tax Stamp. Horizontal rectangular format, unwmkd., lithographed, perf. 13½x10½. Issued to raise money for the Workers' Home Building Fund:
PT1—5c. dull violet (Worker)

(H. G. Spanton)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Pictorials. Bohemia and Moravia. Two more values to go with those

noted October 28, 1939. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 12½:
3k. dull red-violet (Zlin)
4k. dark green (Factory Buildings)
(O. E. DeSio)

FRANCE—Pictorials. Two values just received. Both are horizontal rectangular format, engraved, perf. 13:
70c. black on gray-blue (Woman holding a glass of wine)
90c. sepia (Pont de la Guillotiere)

(Columbus Postage Stamp Company)

ITALY—Commemorative Postage. Set of three stamps, commemorating the Centenary of Italian Railways. All three values are the same design, horizontal rectangular format. In the central panel is shown an old type steam locomotive beside a modern streamlined electric engine. An attractive set for the railroad collectors. The inscription along the base of the stamps, as translated, reads: "1939—CENTENARY OF RAILWAYS":
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Mint 5c 1847 Found on Cover

It's one for Ripley that recently a fine mint copy of the 5c 1847 was found on a cover in Columbus, Ohio. A small find of these stamps both 5c and 10c, was made by Carl Sachs—who is better known as a precancel collector than for finding early U. S. One of the covers bore a blue Buffalo, N. Y., postmark of 1850 in the upper right corner, while in the upper left corner was a single 5c without a cancellation. The stamp is worth considerably more unused than on cover and very much more if with original gum. Mr. Sachs was debating whether to soak the cover and while handling the cover, bent it where the stamp was affixed and immediately the stamp flew off. Upon close inspection the stamp was found to have full gum and under a glass there was almost no trace at all of the outlines of the stamp on the cover, indicating that the clerk who affixed the stamp 90 years ago had been sparing of his tongue when affixing that particular stamp. The stamp, because of its mint condition, sold recently for \$65 (and luck would have it, the thing had good margins too!).

• The "pillars of Gediminas" which are included in the overprint for the Lithuanian Return of Vilnius commemoratives, refer to the 14th Century founder of the city.

• The January "Emco Monthly Circular" of the Marks Stamp Co. carries a description of forgeries of Czechoslovakian stamps, including the Boy Scout stamps which are unlisted in Scott's. Copies of the Circular (a large 20 page price list) are free upon request of the firm.

Peruvian Postal Rates

A letter for local delivery in a Peruvian city requires only 2 centavos postage (less than 1/2c U. S.), a letter addressed to a point outside the city of origin requiring 10 centavos postage. 2c is the minimum local rate for all kinds of mail, applying to letters not over 20 grams in weight or printed matter not exceeding 50 grams. The late fee for letters is an additional 10c, registration or receipts are 20c extra and express service whether local or interurban is 10c in addition to postage.

New Zealand Air Mail Indefinite

No definite promises have been made by officials, postal or aviation, concerning when the trans-Pacific air mail service to New Zealand may be inaugurated. The war has discouraged attempts to establish the line and the thousands of covers, are for the time being, held at dispatch offices awaiting some definite decision. It is believed that at least one German naval vessel is at large in the Pacific and this, coupled with the current disputes over British delay and inspection of U. S. mails, are believed responsible for the indecision of officials.

• Wm. H. Compton, Jr., Cleveland, O., whose name is known to many of our readers for his cachets, is publisher of a monthly titled "Covers," which features articles on various covers and cachets. A sample copy may no doubt be obtained on request of him at 1254 E. 172nd St. Cleveland, Ohio.

PRECANCEL STAMP NEWS

Send information on new issues and notes of interest to
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HOW COME?

This is what I asked about the absence of dating on recent mailings I have noticed; so brother C. A. Mertzner of Mount Clemens, Mich., attempts to explain it away for me. He says the Department suspended the overprint ruling during the month of December, so that would account for the items we noted without it, but we seem to still think that some of this mail must have been used in November, because at the best it takes quite a few days for waste paper to reach a paper mill. Anyway the above will suffice for the time being, but it does seem rather unusual for the Department to make such a sensible ruling. In view of the fact that there was an anticipated heavy mail for the holiday season, it's a wonder they did not want the dating on both sides of the stamps.

GOOD ADVICE

Al Jones has a talking ad in the December BEE that should be read by all collectors whether they ever intend buying from Al or not. It really is a common sense piece of advice which if followed would lead him to the paths of happier collecting and eventually cure him of the "show me everything in the house, I don't think that is quite good enough" pains that beset a lot of collectors. I shall quote a portion of Al's text: "Suppose you set P. O. run as your condition goal. That will eliminate torn, damaged, perfed initial and post cancelled stamps but it will not cause you to reject a specimen just because the white space surrounding the design is not the same width on every side to the hundredth of a millimeter. You will be happier if you collect in this manner than if you become obsessed with a condition complex."

NOTES

The ESCEPEEECEEE came in today bearing a 1c Pres. Highway Highlands, Calif. U-121;—The ESPC notes that there will probably be several sleepers among the Dallas Prexies as the ½, 1, 1½, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 20c all have been issued in the old plate with Tex. abbreviated. Wouldn't it be a joke if they would use the two sets of plates concurrently? — Hoover Bros. announce the catalog (Part 1) will be released about Feb. 15, and if you get your money in to them before the 10th you can get a copy for \$2.50, regular price thereafter \$3.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ICE CARNIVAL

Just as gasoline and alcohol don't mix, neither do stamp meets and zero weather, but there are those who will always want to try it anyway. Despite the weather handicaps there were quite a few precancelers and precancel collectors in evidence at the Columbus meeting. Capt. Pforzheimer was chief ski jumper. There are some items he jumped out at

us to look over. All Presidentials. \$1 Batavia U-120 and Pasadena, U-12. City type coils, Presidentials too: 2c Indianapolis U-97 dn; 3c Worcester, Mass., U-97 dn; 3c Le Center, Minn. U-121N; 1c Palisades, N. J. U-120; 2c Warren, Pa. U-120; 5c Washington D. C. U-97 dn. With the several other Prexy coils out there seems to be some revival in these stamps at the present. — Other items noted. 1½c Portsmouth U-9, ½c New Concord, Ohio. U-121; ½c South Zanesville, O. U-121; 16, 17, 18 and 19c Chillicothe, O. U-121; 22c Saint Petersburg, Fla. U-5; and like the stock note on a public sale handbill, "hundreds of other items too numerous to mention."

Virginia Wants Maury Stamp

The General Assembly of Virginia has approved a resolution requesting the Postmaster General to issue a commemorative stamp in honor of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury, "Pathfinder of the Seas." An amendment by the Senate specifically added the "Commodore" to the resolution, but the U. S. Navy never had such a rank, Maury attaining the rank of Commander, before he went over to the Confederate cause. He later served under the puppet Emperor Maximilian in Mexico. Thanks to C. W. Miller of Crozet, Va., for clipping.

• Such a novel and ingenious method of sending stamps on approval certainly ought to attract attention. Of course we are referring to an advertisement in this issue which is headed — A Serious Problem — for here the dealer offers to send whole Scott Album Pages which you can compare with your album and thus fill your blank spaces. Incidentally, the name Kilcher stands at the top in Atlantic City Philatelic circles.

St. Petersburg Dinner

Annual philatelic dinner will be held this year in St. Petersburg, Fla., at the Hotel Huntington on Feb. 20th, at \$1.50 per plate. Rollin E. Flower, Pres. of the A. P. S. will speak. This is being held in connection with the Tenth Winter Philatelic Exhibition, Feb. 19-24. Tickets and information of Ashley C. LeDuc, 305 13th St., North, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Oscar L. Mayer

We are advised by Walter A. Louis of Hollywood that Oscar L. Mayer of San Pedro, Calif., passed away suddenly on Jan. 7. Mr. Mayer was well known to collectors and dealers throughout the country as he travelled extensively. No details of his death were stated. To his widow, Mrs. Oscar L. Mayer, LINN'S extends its sympathy.

• More navy post offices re-established or expected to be established in the near future include the U. S. S. Haradon, Herndon, Edwards, Platte, Kilty, McCalla, Welborn C. Wood, Roe, Kenison, Satterlee and Swasey.

• Salt Lake is a New Mexican post office being discontinued on Feb. 15.

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NOTES ON U. S. ISSUES

The official description of the design common to the five values of the Poets Series is as follows:

"The central subjects are enclosed in inner and outer frames of Georgian design, between which at the top is the inscription 'U. S. Postage.' Below the portrait frame is a horizontal tablet containing on a white ground the denomination designation at each end with the word 'Cent' or 'Cents' between, separated by an ornamental shield-shaped panel in which is depicted in white on a solid background a reproduction of the winged horse Pegasus, which forms the symbol of this group. All lettering is in solid gothic."

The inclusion of Pegasus in the design is in reference to the myth that a blow of his hoof caused certain springs to flow; these springs inspiring poets. He is also said to have been the horse on which the poet was carried from earth to the realms of poetic fancy.

A petition has been sent Postmaster General Farley from the Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas requesting reciprocity in sale of U. S. and Philippine stamps. At present the Philippines have on sale current stamps at the office of the Resident Commissioner at Washington, and the Society is requesting that U. S. stamps be sold through the Bureau of Posts at Manila.

The current number of "Furrow," house organ of the John Deere Plow Co., reprints the photo which served as original of the design of the 2c Trans-Mississippi. The photo hangs in the office of Frank L. Eversull, President of North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, N. D. This is one of a number of original enlargements made after the picture was taken in 1888 showing 22 four-horse teams which could plow over 100 acres in a normal day. The plows, according to the clipping, are "the old John Deere gang plows, with heavy, flat beams, the lead team being hitched to the cap of the tongue to hold the plows in the ground." The Amenia & Sharon Land Co., owner of the outfit, operated these on its 40,000 acre farm. The corporation, dissolved in 1924 or so, bought the land when the Northern Pacific Ry. in one of its financial troubles had to put upon the market the land it had received as federal grants. Thanks to W. C. Frame for the clipping.

Our Dec. 9th column mentioned that only the 25th anniversary stamps were on sale at Canal Zone post offices on August 15 "as the anniversary of the opening of the canal was a legal holiday." Mr. W. L. Howard, Postmaster at Balboa Heights advises that only last year were the p. os. closed on that date as Aug. 15 is not a legal holiday.

An exceptional dark shade of the 1c Presidential sheet stamp was noted the other day on some stamps received in blocks in a remittance. It was a true dark shade and not due to improperly wiped plates. Frequently, darker or softer-toned shades are noted on current stamps, almost invariably though being due to the surface of the plate not being wiped clean of ink, resulted in the whole sheet, where normally the paper should be white, being instead tinged faintly the color of the stamp. This is especially noticeable on sheet margins.

Trying to get all the combinations of the plate numbers of the 6c airmail stamp? According to the January *Bureau Specialist* the total combinations now reported are: 264 combinations from left panes and 290 from right panes, if you collect them that way; or a total of 335 different combinations of numbers irrespective of panes.

How long does a stamp plate last? This question is answered by Hugh M. Southgate in the course of some plate number notes in the latest *Bureau Specialist*. Normal output of a press is 7500 sheets in an 8-hour day. A pair of Famous American plates on a rotary press would have to be run about 40 such days to produce 75 million stamps, which indicates why the total number of plates for the Authors was brought up to four for each denomination, as otherwise

there is a possibility the stamps could not be printed fast enough for the first of the first day sales. The average output of a plate between chromium platings is 30,000 to 40,000 impressions. Hugh writes that average life of a plate is probably half a million sheets, though many have been used for a million or more impressions.

As may have been noted, it will be possible to obtain some of the Presidentials (1c and 2c) from printings before and since the plates were made "Convertible." A check of plate number lists will be necessary. It should be noted that the only change reported in making the plates convertible was addition of a horizontal line in the right sheet margin opposite the gutter between the upper and lower right panes.

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Modern Afghanistan Explained

David Joffo of Chicago has supplied Kent B. Stiles, *New York Times* Stamp Editor and commentator in *Scott's Monthly Journal* with much additional information on stamps of modern Afghanistan. Mr. Joffo was diplomatic and financial adviser to Nadir Khan and his current successor, his son Zahir Khan Shah. As a result of Mr. Joffo's explanations, a number of doubtful points on the stamps of 1930 to date are cleared up. It is learned that the bearded per-



sonage depicted on 1937 and 1938 commemoratives is the late Nadir Shah who succeeded Amanullah in 1929 and was assassinated in 1934.

Leading reason for incorrect captions on Afghan illustrations has been apparently that country's policy of not celebrating anniversaries in the proper year. The 1932 series which commemorates the coronation in 1930 of Nadir Khan, was issued by the king as a token of gratitude to Mr. Joffo who upon being requested to state how the king could show his appreciation of services rendered, replied "Say it with stamps, your majesty." Mr. Joffo received some imperforate gift sheets, autographed by the postmaster general, of these stamps. The 1934 commemorative stamp was issued to commemorate the coronation of Zahir Shah that year, while the 1936 and 1937 commemoratives actually commemorate the second and third anniversaries. The upright rectangular stamp of 1938 depicting the bearded Nadir Khan (instead of his son as captioned) commemorates the 20th anniversary of independence, which was celebrated in 1938 though the date of the treaty of Rawalpindi is August 8, 1919 and this is Afghanistan's "Independence Day." The treaty was with Britain and followed a war which both parties fail to agree on regarding who won. Nadir Khan was at the time commander of all Afghan forces. Type A77 was issued by the youthful Zahir Shah as a mark of appreciation to Mr. Joffo, who again answered a question with "Say it with stamps, your majesty." Mr. Joffo is in this country at present in arranging plans for Afghanistan to popularize its stamp paper by modernizing the designs and in general conducting its postal business with philately like other countries.

Chesapeake Area Clubs Form Association

The third organization meeting of the proposed federation of Maryland Stamp clubs was held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md., on Thursday evening, January 18th. The clubs represented by delegates included Baltimore Philatelic Society, Collectors Club (Baltimore), Maryland Philatelic Society, Oriole Philatelic Society and the Baltimore Pre Cancel Society, Frederick Philatelic Society, Hagerstown Philatelic Society and Chambersburg Philatelic Society (Pa.). The Washington Philatelic Society was also represented but as this was the first meeting attended by the delegates, they were not authorized to enter the proposed federation. Mr. Wilson P. Smith of the Pre Cancel Society and Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, presented his report. Each article and section was discussed and passed upon.

In order that the clubs in this proposed federation be not limited to the clubs of the State of Maryland, it was proposed that the organization extend to South-Central Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. The name adopted was the "Associated Stamp Clubs of Chesapeake Area (ASCA)."

Dr. Howard H. Warner was unanimously elected President. The other officers elected were: Vice-President, Robert F. Nicodemus of the Frederick Stamp Club; Secretary, Denwood N. Kelly, Jr., of the Oriole Philatelic Society; Treasurer, E. Robert Clas of the Maryland Philatelic Society.

—Michael Miller.

Goose Egg Post Office

Recently we commented on the naming of a new Wyoming post office "Goose Egg," and Norman D. King of Cheyenne comes through with some information on this office's peculiar name. It seems the office is located at the site of the Goose Egg Ranch made famous in Owen Wister's novel "The Virginian." The ranch was the scene of the hilarious (but quite fictitious) episode of the Virginian being snubbed by the school teacher, getting drunk and then changing the clothes on the babies "parked" by parents at the dance, resulting in parents reaching home with the wrong infant but the right clothes. The ranch is located at the mouth of Poison Spider Creek where it enters the Platte River.

• South Africa's censor label is bilingual, like its stamps and postmarks. The label, about 3½x1½ inches is printed in red: "UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA — DEUR SENSOR OOPGEMAAK" and in English "UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA — OPENED BY CENSOR."

• Portugal has in preparation a series commemorating the Portuguese Legion. 10,000 sets with a face value of 18c U. S. are being printed.

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B Y B I S T A N D E R

The Poland stamps issued for the post-office in the former Free City of Danzig are now being dangerously forged. New York dealers are therefore asking collectors to be cautious when they buy these stamps. At this moment I would like to personally caution all you readers that in the case of any overprinted stamp to be sure of its source.

At last, for the first time since last August, when the war was declared, a few new French pictorials have been received here in New York. These stamps were printed before the war, but have just now been received. These stamps will be of little use as postage, because the postage rates were changed before their actual appearance. New York dealers are speculating whether there will be a natural scarcity of these stamps.

As a result of the meeting called by the *New York Sun*, attended by stamp dealers here, the *Sun* stamp section will not accept any advertisement of New Issues showing prices. It seemed odd the other day to read the advertising section, noting that the New Issue section only mentioned stamps and no prices. The *Sun* is asking other newspapers to cooperate with them.

One of New York's wholesalers has shown me some of the proposed designs

that he has submitted to various countries who intend to honor the New York World's Fair this year. This wholesaler not only submitted beautiful designs, but also kept an eye on the collectors' pocketbook, by suggesting to those countries that low priced sets will accomplish more than high priced sets. It is regretted that some countries have not followed the advice of this far-seeing dealer. He suggested to the Portuguese authorities that they should issue a low value set in suitable quantity for general distribution. We all know the answer to this suggestion.

Fred J. Melville

One of the most famous persons in the history of philatelic literature passed away on Jan. 12th with the death of Fred J. Melville at London at the age of 57. Mr. Melville had been active in philately ever since a boy and 41 years ago organized the Junior Philatelic Society, holding the position of President until his death. A popular lecturer, whose chief interest was the junior collector, his many serious works on stamps represent a great number of volumes, on a surprising array of countries and issues. His own philatelic library contained nearly ten tons of material. He has lectured in the U. S. and throughout the British Isles, illustrating many of his talks with slides. Melville is credited with having produced more philatelic literature than any other writer, all of it reliable in its data and used as reference books by collectors throughout the world.

Pitcairn's John Adams

Some confusion might result by the description of one of the coming Pitcairn Island stamps, which it is stated will depict the "house of John Adams." This was not the second President of the United States, nor is it likely he was a namesake either since the famous mutiny on the *Bounty* took place on April 28, 1789. On that date, Pitcairn's John Adams was engaged in assisting his captain and some loyal sailors into a long boat, while the Massachusetts' Adams was preparing for his inauguration two days later as first Vice-President of the United States at New York City. The reason for depicting John Adams on the Pitcairn Island stamp is that he was the last survivor of the mutineers, and for years had guided the little colony through difficult times.

• Miss Elaine Rawlinson, designer of the Presidentials has entered two designs in the Philippines stamp design contest, the *Air Mail Digest* states.

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